

# Northwest Woodturners



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We close the book on 2015 and another year begins. It was a good year. We saw the return of club classes. We saw some very good demonstrators. And we moved along the road of expansion and recovery. Now, we turn toward 2016 with hopes for another good year for the club.

There will be some new things attempted in 2016. The first is actually, not a new thing, but revival of an old thing: the club mentor list. In the old days, NWWT maintained a list of members that could be contacted for information on a specific turning subject (bowls, spindle turning, sharpening, etc.). I think it's been about five or six years since we actually published a list. I remember it being very useful and an enjoyable activity for the membership. As the name suggests, the mentor list will provide contacts within the club for members to gain insight and experience from other club members that have agreed to teach these particular topics. Being a mentor is volunteer duty; no one will be expected to take on the task without agreeing to do so. The duties of the mentor would include:

1. Providing advice either in person or by telephone or email, as preferred. Volunteering as a mentor means volunteering for a commitment of time. The mentor needs to work with the student to identify times that will work for both.
2. Providing hands-on training, if requested, either in the shop of the mentor or the student. This would include providing specialized tools, jigs or other task-specific materials or equipment to help the student get started. The student would assume responsibility for damage of said equipment.

As an aside, I checked with the AAW about our insurance coverage in this case. Even though the turning may be done in the home of a member, as long as that activity is an official club event, which the mentor service will be, our club insurance provides coverage for damage or injury. We would try to minimize the prospects of both. The caveat that I gathered from the AAW staff is the requirement for a written record. That requirement is satisfied by an email to one of the officers, preferably the member who

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## CLUB INFO

### Northwest Woodturners

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)

Meetings are held at 7:00PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at The Multnomah Arts Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

agrees to be the head of the mentor program, announcing the time and the place of the meeting. As with all other things these days if it's not written down it doesn't count.

3. A mentor should be comfortable with the publication of either an email address or telephone number in club documents. The mentors list will reside in the member's only segment of the club website.

What can the student expect?

1. The mentor has sufficient expertise in the topic to get the students started. It is a firmly held tenet of education that all you need to know to teach is more than the student. That's probably true, but we would like to expect our mentors to have some depth of knowledge of the subject.

2. Even more important than experience with the subject, a student should expect the mentor to be comfortable with teaching. I've never noticed any discomfort among our members at the prospect of talking about woodturning, but I thought I should point out that teaching is different than just talking.

3. If there are specific jigs to be built or pieces of equipment to be fabricated, the student should expect the mentor to provide guidance in construction but not build the equipment for the student.

I'm sure there will be more entries into both sides of this ledger as we get this program underway. In the February newsletter, we will publish a table with the areas of expertise we have identified, largely from feedback from the members at the January meeting. By the same token, if you think you would be interested in being designated as a mentor for a particular turning topic, let us know in January and we will put you on the list. Other clubs in the area have similar programs and have found them to be very successful. Most new turners are not bashful about asking for help but the problem is always who should you ask?

January brings the annual swap meet. Whatever you have – tools, jigs, wood, machines, whatever – bring it along and turn it into cash or use it for trade. Keep the money, donate it to the club, or give the stuff away. It's up to you. Historically, there has been a good show of tools since we all have way too many, but the evening is not limited to tools. Think of it as sort of a small auction, but you get the money.

January will also be election of officers and board members. We need someone to step up and take over the job of Vice President. This is probably the most important office in the club. The VP is in charge of scheduling demonstrations, a daunting task at first appraisal. It means identifying demonstrators you think the club would enjoy seeing. The good news here is that you get to pick the demonstrators so those topics you want to see demonstrated get first priority. It also means that you have to be working ahead to schedule out-of-area demonstrators. In 2017, I think we should aim for two national-level demonstrators. Why do I say 2017? Because, you have to schedule these demonstrators at least a year in advance, if not more. That means we need to get going on 2017. I am always happy to act as host for visiting demonstrator – we have the extra rooms, my wife is a great cook, and we need help reducing our wine cellar. As Vice President you have the option of acting as host. I did this job for three years and, with one exception, found demonstrators to be very pleasant guests.

— Mike

**NOTICE — ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Election of club Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) and Directors (4 to 15) for 2016 was postponed at the December meeting and will take place at the January 2016 meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting. In addition to electing officers and directors, we need more club members to step up and take responsibility for the many things that need to be done for our club to operate and grow. Think about where you might be able to contribute and then make that commitment at the January meeting.

**JANUARY PROGRAM — TOOL SWAP MEET**

For our January program, we have revived our annual member tool swap meet. This is a great opportunity to add to your collection of “absolutely necessary” tools. Also, timing is perfect to make room in your shop for those new Holiday gifts you received (or bought for yourself). Note, all sales are directly between individuals; NWWT only provides the facility.

**NWWT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Our new website is specifically designed for clubs like ours. One big advantage is that it lets us offer our members an anniversary renewal date vs. an annual renewal date that we have now. Anniversary means that your membership is good for 12 months from the time you pay your dues.

You can check your renewal date by logging in to the NWWT website and checking your profile. The website will automatically send you an e-mail 30 days before your membership expires advising you to renew your membership.

**How to Pay**

1. It is easiest for me if you pay on the website with PayPal (you don't need a PayPal account to do this). This way everything is automatic and all I need to do is make your card.
2. Pay by check, credit card or cash at the meeting, or mail a check to NWWT. This year, I will ask you to verify your information by filling out a short form. This makes it a more manual process for me but OK.

One possible issue with this change is that your current membership card expires Dec 31, 2015. The new membership cards will now have your anniversary date. For those with a renewal date throughout the year, your current membership card will not be usable for discounts at your favorite woodworking store. If this is an issue for you, you have two options:

1. Renew in January.
2. Send me an e-mail with your address and renewal date and I will send you a new card for the remainder of your current membership.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

— Roger Crooks

**THANK OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS**

Here's a suggestion: When you get home from purchasing a treasured item from one of our business partners who gave you a discount because you are a member of NWWT, take a moment and contact them via their web site or an e-mail and thank them for supporting NWWT.

**ASHLEY HARWOOD AT CASCADE WOODTURNERS FEBRUARY 18-20, 2016**

Ashley Harwood will be demonstrating at the Cascade Woodturners Association meeting on February 18, 2016, will be doing a group workshop on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and a hands-on class on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ashley does a wide variety of work, including beaded bowls, ornaments with elegant spindles and turned jewelry.



Ashley Harwood currently lives in Charleston, SC, where she creates her work and teaches at her personal studio. She has demonstrated in a number of professional venues throughout the US and abroad, as far away as Australia. Her teaching focuses on fine spindle turning and the Push Cut method of bowl turning along with the 40/40 grind on a bowl gouge. She received a BFA from Carnegie Mellon with a focus in sculpture and installation, and her design aesthetic is heavily influenced by her background in glassblowing. Ashley focuses on works that are completed entirely on the lathe, without carving, texturing, or burning.

She uses simple, classic forms along with distinctive design elements that result in an approachable body of work with a high level of craftsmanship. Primarily, she makes utilitarian bowls, ornaments, and jewelry. Her teaching has a strong focus on tool control and sharpening.

Find out more about Ashley by visiting her website: [www.ashleyharwood.net](http://www.ashleyharwood.net).

***You have a chance to influence what she presents!*** At the January 21, 2016 meeting of CWA, President Skip Burke will be asking folks to help him decide what Ashley will teach. ***Let Skip know what you think!***

CWA meetings are open to the public, start at 6:45 pm and are held at the WILLAMETTE CARPENTERS TRAINING CENTER, 4222 NE 158TH Ave, Portland, OR 97230-4906.

— Harvey Rogers  
Cascade Woodturners

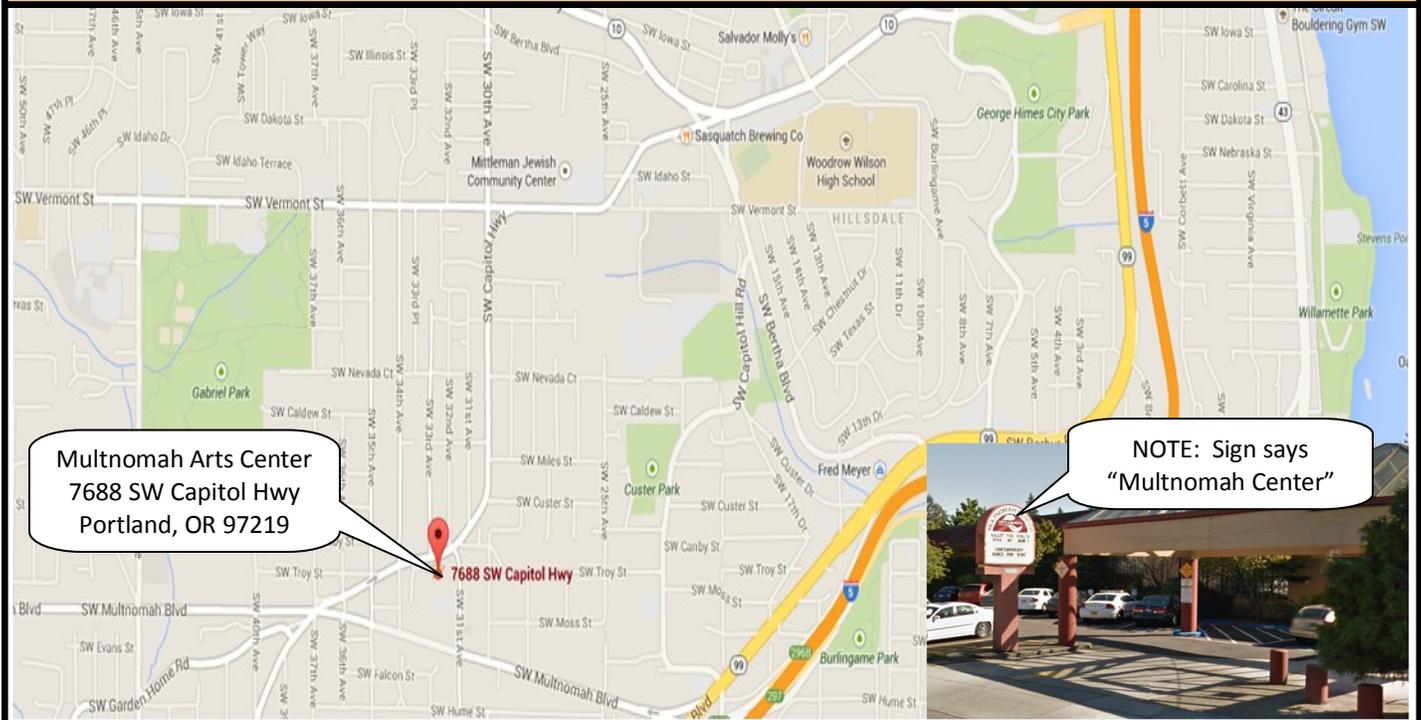
**NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM**

**The Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219**

2016	Program	Challenge
Thursday, January 7	Annual Tool Swap Meet	none
Thursday, February 4	Dale Larson (Bowls)	Segmented Pieces
Thursday, March 3	Terry Gerros (Spirals)	Multi-Axis Pieces
Thursday, April 7	Station demo night	Eggs
Thursday, May 5	TBA	Two-of-a-Kind (Matching Pieces)
Thursday, June 2	Steve Newberry (Ladles)	Hollow Forms
Thursday, July 7	TBA	Reassembled Bowls
Thursday, August 4	TBA	none
Thursday, September 1	TBA	Winged Bowls
Thursday, October 6	TBA	Carved or Textured Pieces
Thursday, November 3	TBA	Holiday Pieces
Thursday, December 1	TBA	TBA

**MAP TO THE MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219**



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NOTE: Sign says  
"Multnomah Center"

## Other Woodturner Clubs 2016 Meetings and Programs

*Please visit the individual club websites to verify the information presented below.*

### **Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR) ([www.cascadewoodturners.com](http://www.cascadewoodturners.com))**

3rd Thursday, 6:45 PM at the Willamette Carpenters Training Center,  
4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland, OR 97230

January 21: David Williams

February 18: Ashley Harwood

February 19: All-day demo with Ashley Harwood

February 20: All-day class with Ashley Harwood

### **Willamette Valley Woodturners (Salem, OR) ([www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com](http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com))**

2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Salem Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303

January 7: TBA

February 11: TBA

### **Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR) ([www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com))**

4th Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene, OR 97408

January 28: TBA

February 25: TBA

### **Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA) ([www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com))**

4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM at The Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

January 27: TBA

February 24: TBA

### **Woodturners of Olympia (Olympia, WA) ([www.woodturnersofolympia.org](http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org))**

4th Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, Carpenter Road SE, Lacey, WA

January 28: TBA

February 25: TBA

## 2016 LOCAL EVENTS

### **6th Annual Gathering of the Guilds**

April 22-24, 2016

Oregon Convention Center

Free Admission; over 200 vendors, live music, daily artist demonstrations, raffles and gift certificate giveaways, a fashion show, family-friendly crafts and education.

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Pearl**

September 3-5, 2016

North Parks Blocks, Portland, Oregon

## 2016 NATIONAL SYMPOSIA

### Tennessee Association of Woodturners 28th Symposium

January 29-30, 2016

Franklin, TN

### Florida Woodturning Symposium

February 5-7, 2016

Leesburg, FL

### Desert Woodturning Roundup *presented by Arizona Woodturners Association*

February 26-28, 2016

Mesa, AZ

### Idaho Artistry in Wood Show *at Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association*

February 27-28, 2016

Boise, ID

### Honolulu Woodturners 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

March 12-13, 2016

Honolulu, HI

### "Turnfest Australia" International Woodturning Symposium

March 18-20, 2016

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

### Totally Turning 2016

April 2-3, 2016

Saratoga Springs, NY

### Dakota Woodturners Spring Symposium *at Dakota Woodturners*

April 22-24, 2016

Bismarck, ND

### 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Woodturning Symposium

May 12-14, 2016

Orem, UT

### AAW 30<sup>th</sup> International Symposium

June 9-12, 2015

Atlanta, GA

### Turn-On! Chicago 2016

July 22-24, 2016

Mundelein, IL

### Saskatchewan Woodturning Symposium 2016

July 22-24, 2016

Regina, SK

### SWATurners 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium

August 26-28, 2016

Waco, TX

### Mid-Atlantic Woodturners Association

September 24-25

Lancaster, PA

### 5<sup>th</sup> Segmenting Symposium

October 27-30, 2016

Quincy, MA

### Virginia Woodturners (10 Clubs)

November 5-6, 2016

Fishersville, VA

**LOCAL WOODWORKING STORE JANUARY 2016 FREE DEMOS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Demo</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
01/02	Creative Woodturning – New Rockler Turning Kits	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/02	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM
01/02	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/09	Knife Making	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/09	Carving	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM
01/09	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/16	Router Table Techniques	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/16	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM
01/16	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/23	Full Spectrum Laser	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/23	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM
01/23	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/30	Wood Finishing	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/30	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM
01/30	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Many other fine classes and demos are available from these local stores:

Rockler, Beaverton, 503-672-7266, <http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/or/portland-store>

Woodcraft, Tigard, 503-684-1428, <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=312>

Woodcrafters, Portland, 503-231-0226, <http://www.woodcrafters.us/>

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Contact Gig Lewis at [giglewis42@gmail.com](mailto:giglewis42@gmail.com) or 503-969-2548.

**FOR SALE****GRIZZLY 24" Drum Sander G1066 — Priced at \$750 (Includes new roll of sand paper)**

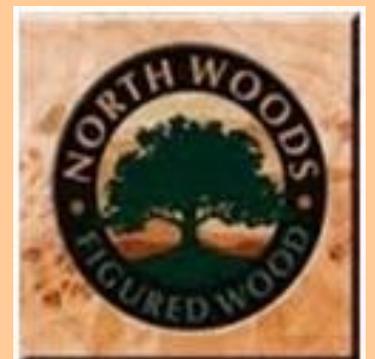
Main motor: 5HP, 220V, single phase, 3450 RPM  
 Feed motor: ¼ HP, 220V, single phase, 1720 RPM  
 Drum speed: 2800 FPM      Feed rate: 11 FPM  
 Drum diameter: 6"      Sandpaper: 6"W x 95½ "L  
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If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available on line, please send me your current email address.

**Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month.** Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other woodturning-related items are welcome.

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